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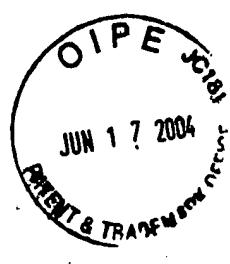
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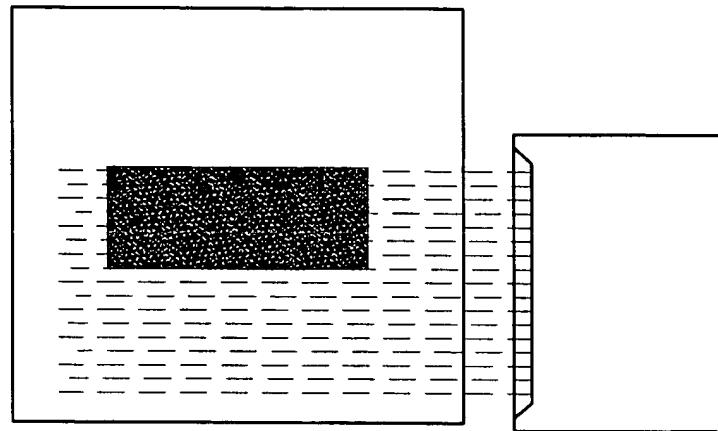
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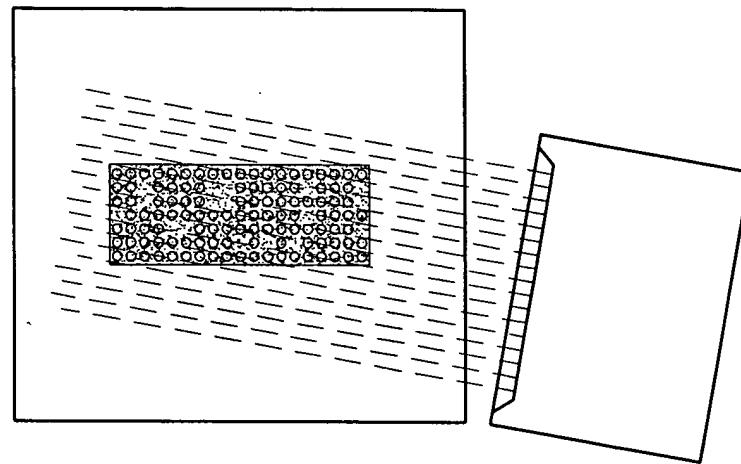
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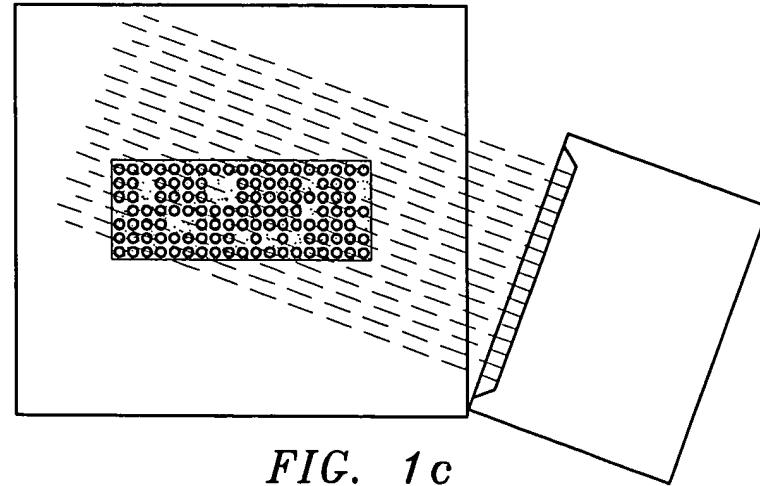
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*FIG. 1a*  
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*FIG. 1b*  
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*FIG. 1c*  
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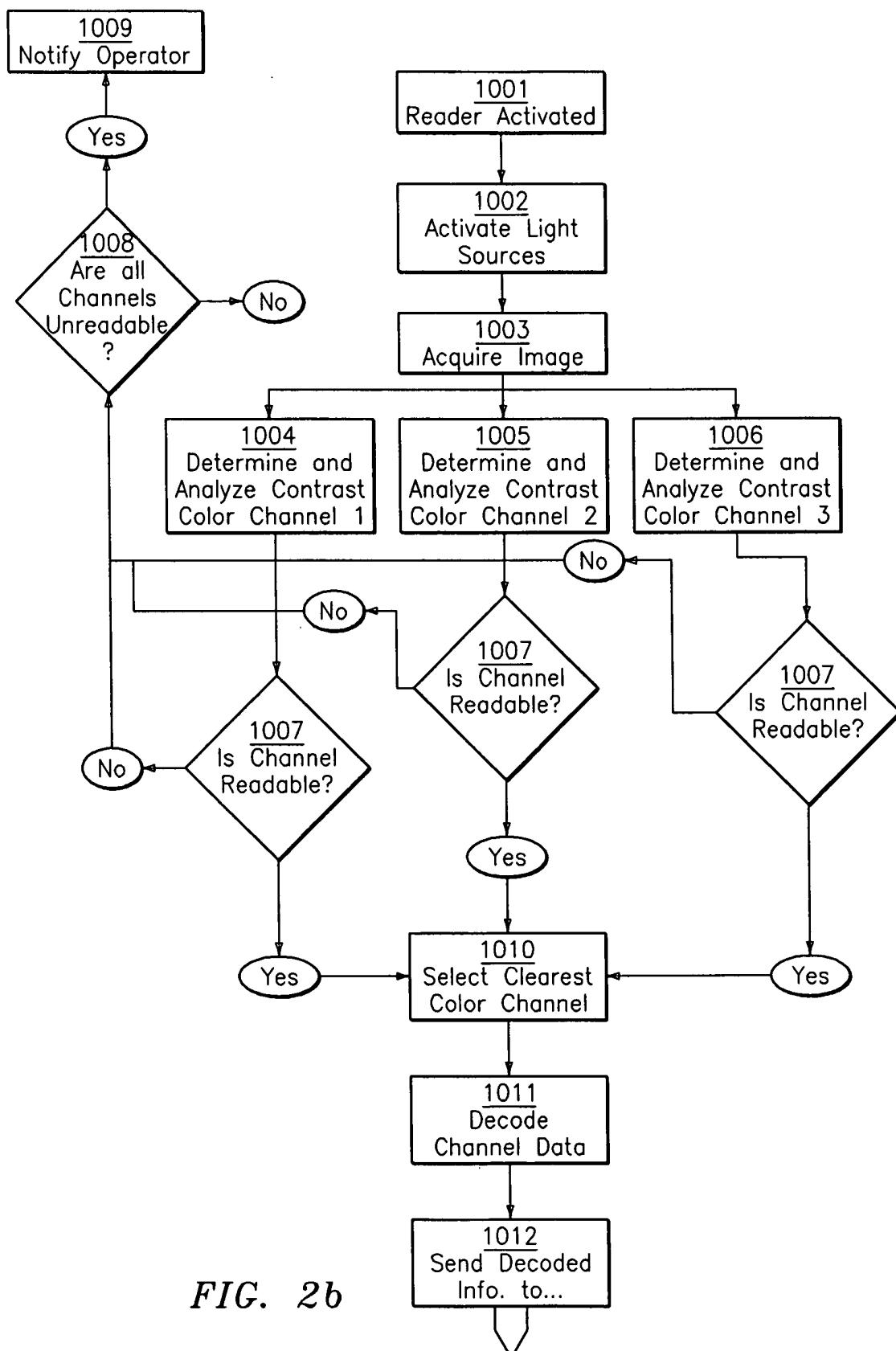


FIG. 2b

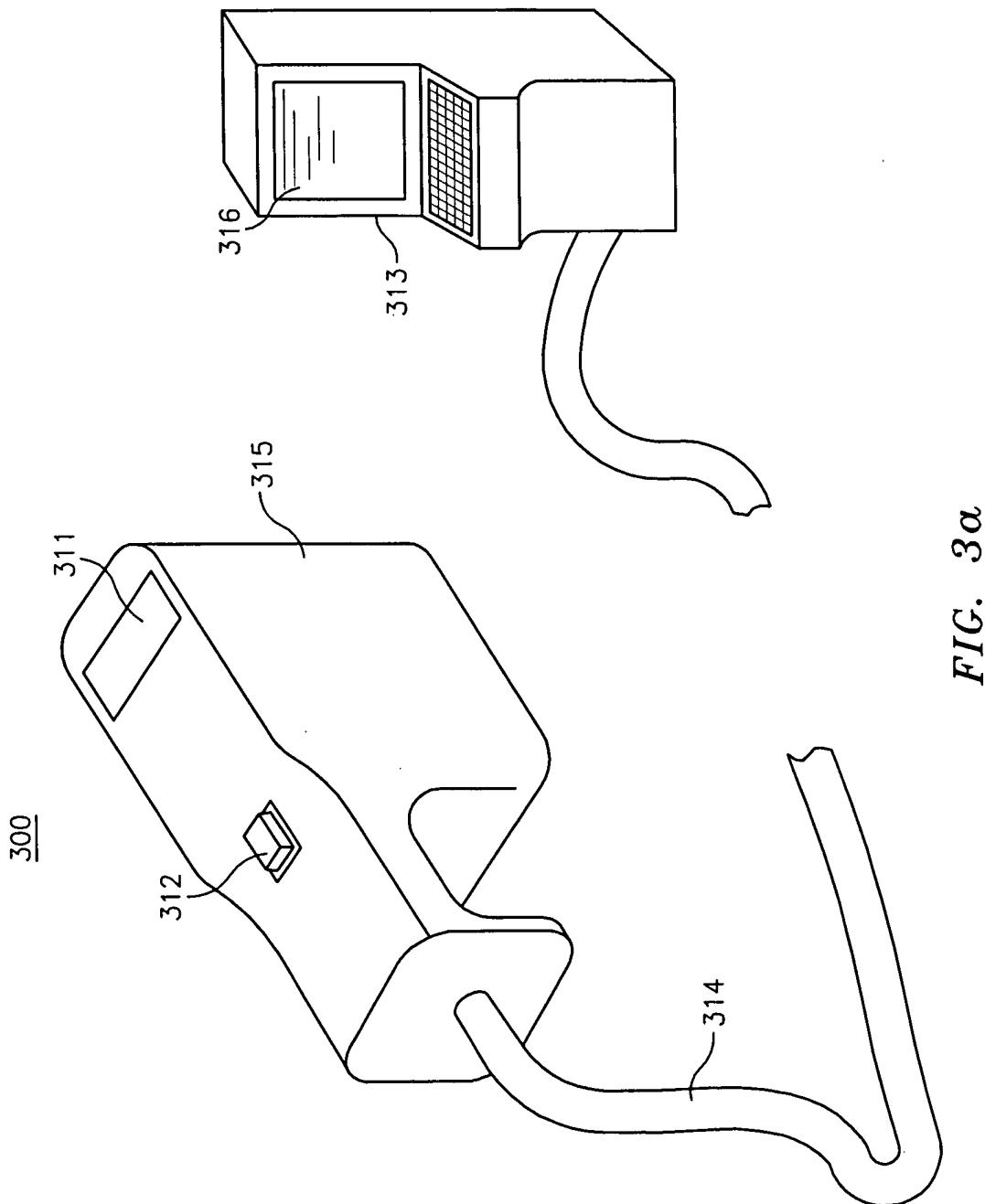
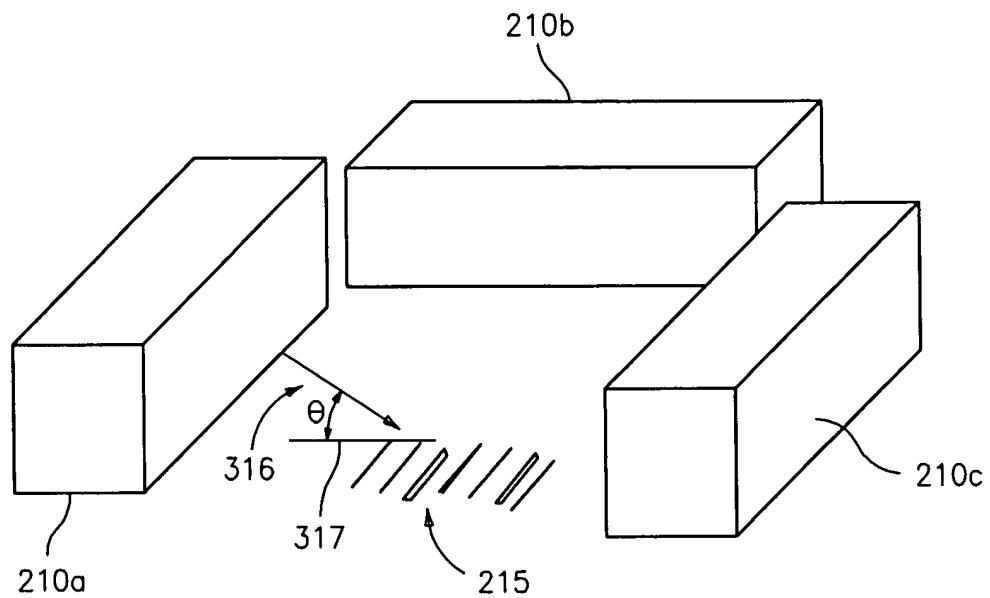


FIG. 3α



*FIG. 3b*

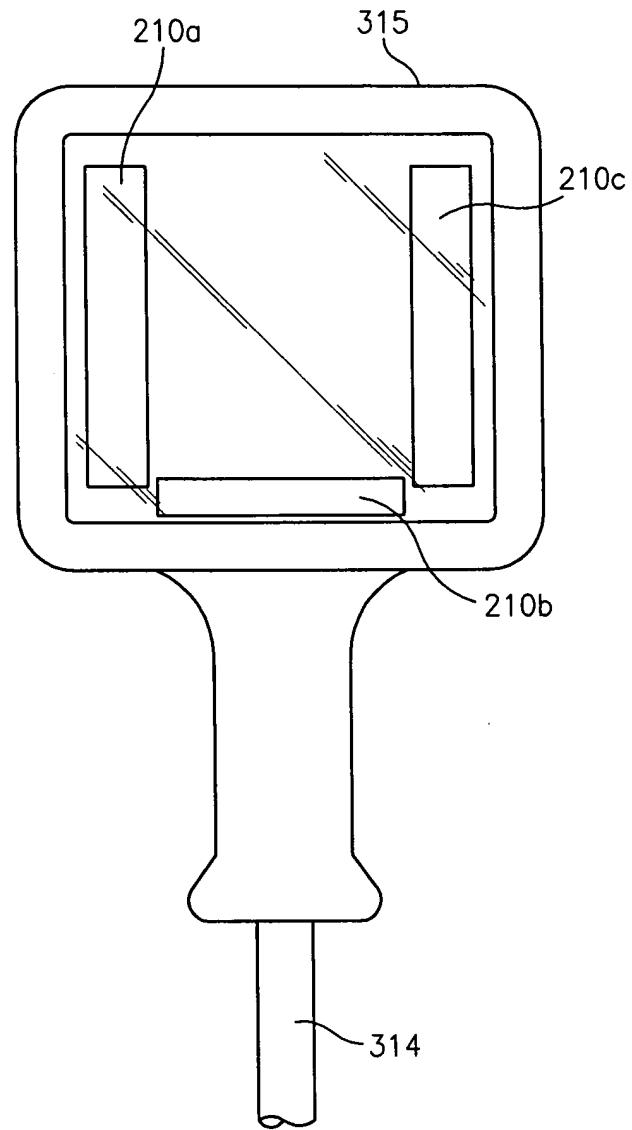


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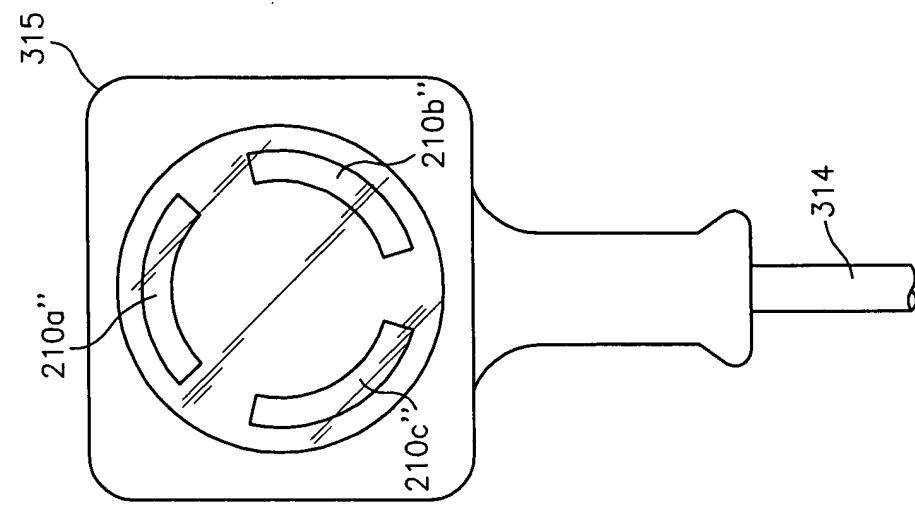


FIG. 4c

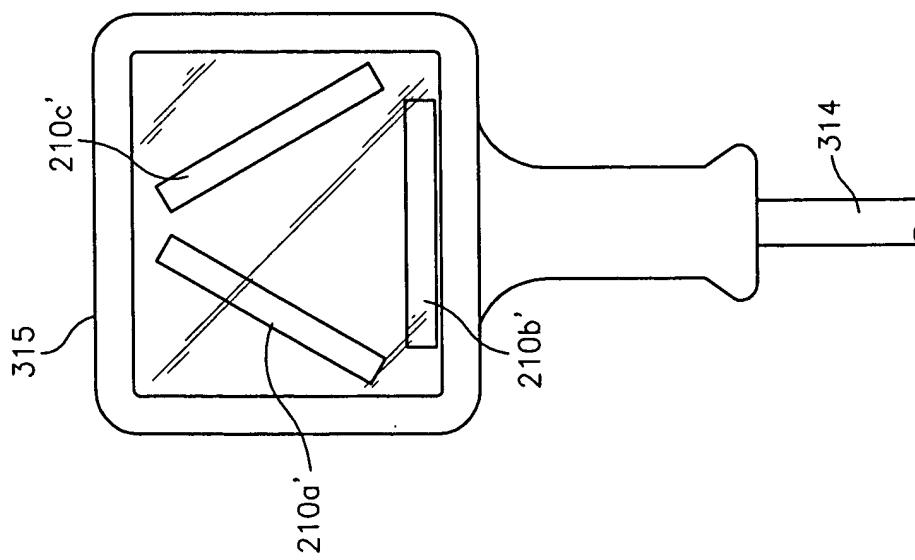


FIG. 4b

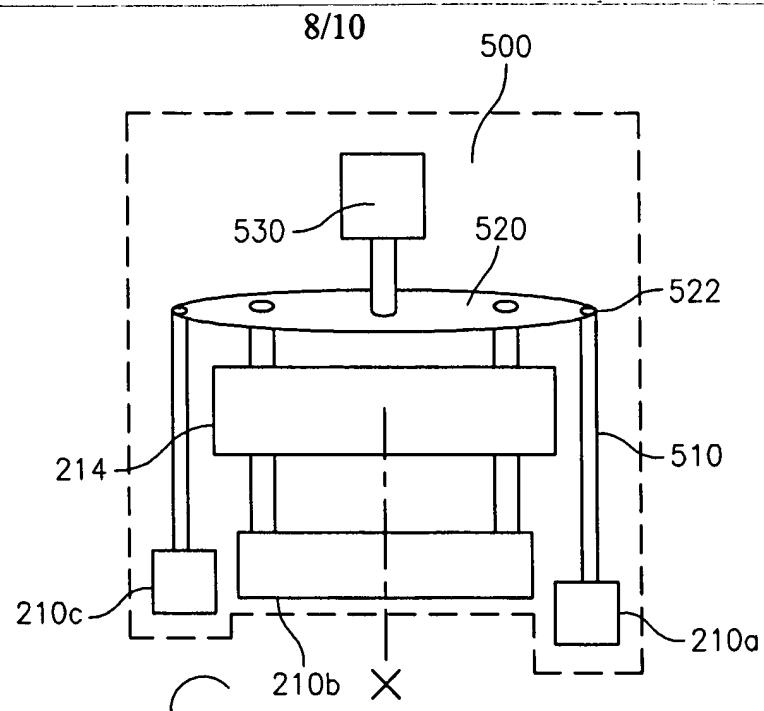


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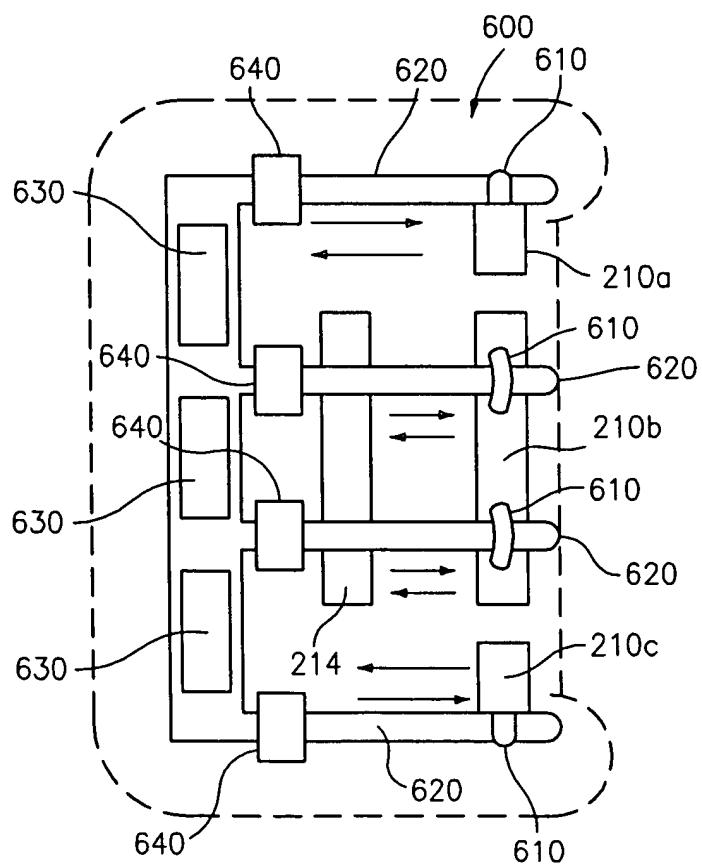
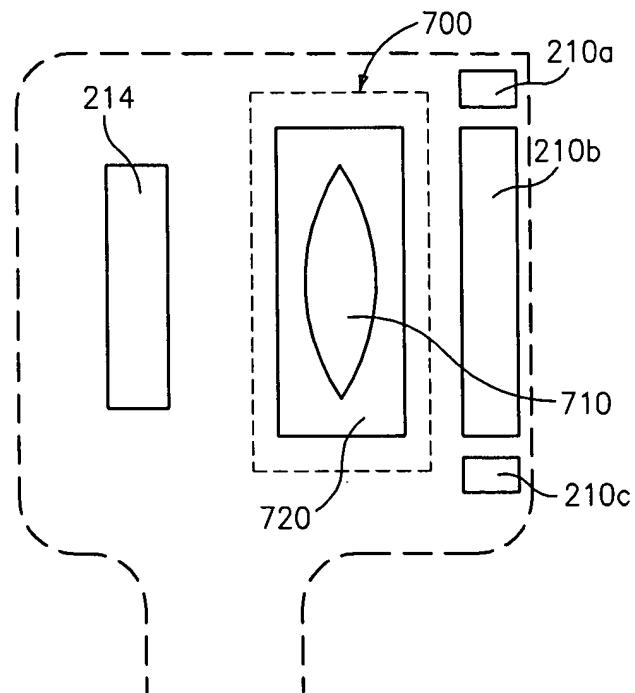
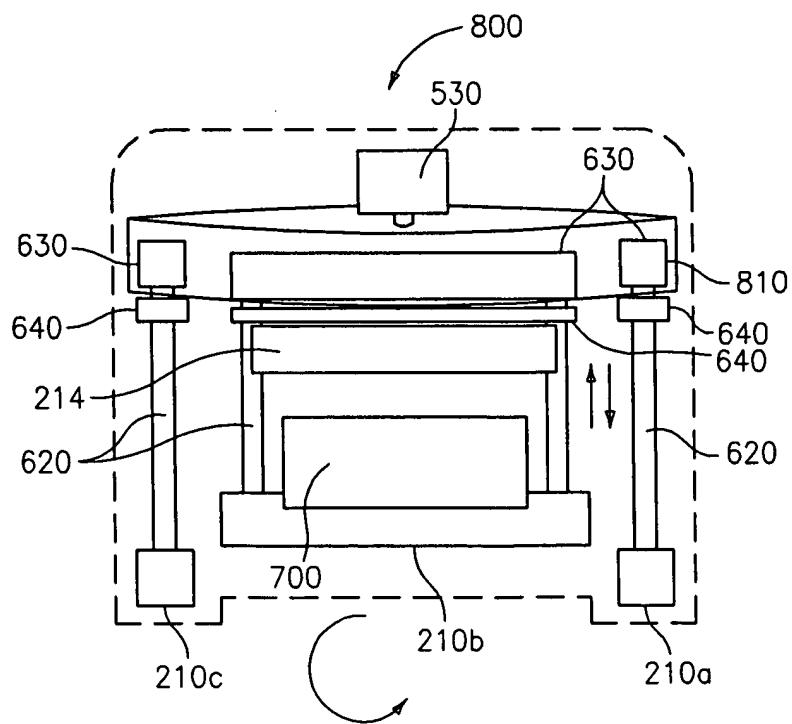


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*FIG. 7*



*FIG. 8*

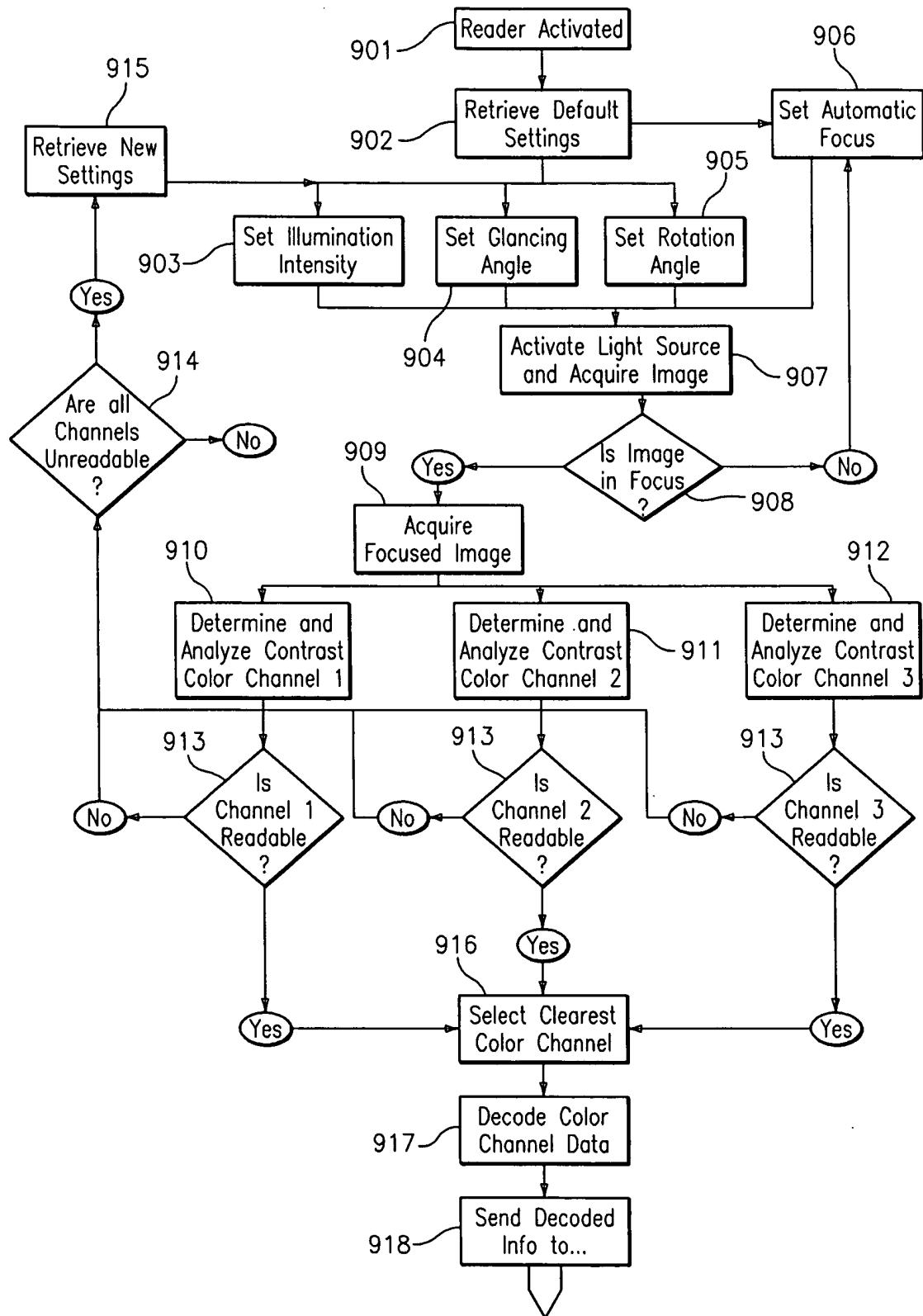


FIG. 9